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EDITORIAL

We don't usually have an August issue of SCAN. However, for administrative reasons we were unable to have a July edition this year. We do need to take a break from SCAN every now and then given that it is a totally voluntary effort by our small team on the production side. Our Delivery team (voluntary) also appreciates the downtime.

In the August issue we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Croí na Coille, N.P.S., a not-for-profit Irish language community childcare service with Charitable Status based in Shankill. It provides full day care and after school care for children between the ages of 3-13 years in a beautiful log house which was built in 2005. You can read more about it on page 10. We also feature two Irish language stories this month including part 2 of SÁINNIÚ, (Part 1 was in the June SCAN issue) and Buddy by Bríd Brien.

Congratulations to Jim Gildea on his election as Cathaoirleach of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co. We wish him well in his new role and we know he will continue to work tirelessly for the residents of Shankill.

LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

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SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE BOOK SALE

The next book sale will be held on Saturday August 2nd and the following one on Saturday September 6th. Venue Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

Donations of books in good condition are welcome on the day (limited to two bags per person). All proceeds go to support the Centre's programmes and services.

MARIE O'NOLAN

Michael Wynne, a long lost friend of Marie O' Nolan, RIP, has asked if any of our readers might have known her. She was a resident of Shankill (2 Bray Road) and was the author of a book of short stories "Tales of a Long, Dry Summer". Michael lost touch with her when he moved to America. He would be interested in knowing more about her life, her interests and her work.

Contact Michael Wynne, Mobile: 086-8775568,
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WOODBROOK DART STATION

Iarnród Éireann has announced that the country's newest train station, Woodbrook DART station, the 147th Station on the company's network is to open on Sunday 10th August. Woodbrook Station, which is located between Bray and Shankill, will serve the existing and new communities of Woodbrook and Shanganagh. Funded by the Department of Transport through the National Transport Authority, the station will be at the heart of a new residential community of up to 2,300 housing units. The provision of the station will reduce reliance on the private car and assist Ireland in reaching its climate action targets. The station will feature up to 191 daily DART services every weekday; a journey time of 40 minutes to city centre stations; Two 174m long platforms with associated passenger shelters, seating, lighting, CCTV, customer information, bicycle parking and ticketing facilities; Access across the railway tracks via a new pedestrian bridge with ramped and stepped access; Station design allows for future plans for pedestrian and cycling access routes in the station vicinity. Access to the station is via Woodbrook Avenue.

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Dear Editors, See open letter to Mr. Barry Ward T.D.

Dear Deputy,

Thank you for your recent 'Shankill Update' to residents here. You note the unfortunate proposed BusConnects Corridor through Shankill, which is thankfully being challenged in the High Court. The plan shows a staggering indifference to both the residents and the retailers in Shankill and to the amenity of the village itself. It has already been described as environmental vandalism. Your opposition, and that of other elected representatives, including Cllr. Jim Gildea, to the proposed 'Corridor' can only be helpful.

Secondly, and indeed related, is the vexed question of traffic currently passing through the village, which is appalling and getting worse. It would be very inexpensive and a great boost to the residents, retailers and the enjoyment of the village to simply have two zebra crossings erected at either end of the village where there are now crossing points, which are merely islands in the middle of the road where pedestrians can take refuge. The balance between Shankill residents and retailers, on the one hand, and passing motorists, on the other, has become heavily skewed in favour of motorists. Badly-needed zebra crossings, using the existing crossing points, would significantly help.

It is hugely important in a democracy that local voices are heard between elections in the corridors of power. But they may need to be amplified by elected representatives. The primary role of TDs of course is to scrutinize and enact proposed new laws. But still, as 'Tip' O'Neill, the popular Irish-American Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives in the 1980s remarked, 'all politics is local'. It's what he is best remembered for today. Happily, it's an important role in Irish politics.

Yours,

Pat Igoe
Aubrey Apartments,
Quinns Road, Shankill *(18.6.2025)*

community games
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Art Competition

Matthew Melady (8) from Rathmichael School came first in the under 10 art competition in all of Dublin as part of the community games, Matthew will go on to the all Ireland Final in September.

South Shankill Residents Association
[SSRA]

Important notice of an
Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)
of the **South Shankill Residents Association** (SSRA)
Date: **Wednesday 10th September 2025**
Time: **7.30 pm**
Meeting Location: **Shankill Bowling Club**
(See footer for SSRA catchment area details)

SSRA hold a long-term lease for the disused Shanganagh Junction site on Quinns Road. The lease was granted to SSRA by Traditional Homes several decades ago. The lease states that the site is to be used as a community resource/facility. SSRA were informed that if not put to use asap the site may be subject to Vacant Site Tax (7% of the market value of the site).

SSRA and Shankill Old Folks Association (SOFA) / Shankill Day Care Centre held several discussions to explore the possibility of the site being used to construct a state-of-the-art modern Senior Citizens Day Care facility, including active retirement and other community initiatives. SOFA kindly presented their proposal at the SSRA AGM held on May 28th 2025.

For the EGM the SSRA Committee asks ***(paid up)*** members ***(only one vote per household)*** to come along and cast your vote in ***person*** on Wed. 10th Sept. in relation to SOFA's proposal to use the site for this purpose. Construction of such a facility would be subject to the usual planning permission regulations at DLR County Council. If SOFA's planning application is successful, they will put together a project management working group to actively seek funding to construct a facility cognisant of the local environment and nearby residences. It is envisaged this will take several years to progress.

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GLC na Seanchille

Our academy Boys and Girls Graduation 2025
Any Graduation Day is great excitement and our day was no exception. After a hectic year of fun and learning new skills a brilliant 31 boys and 26 girls will now move on to the GO GAMES programme. For the next several years they will take part in informal blitz games with other clubs as they perfect their skills. In the GO GAMES format everyone plays every week with no sitting on the side line. Many thanks to Tim and Steve, also our own home-grown boys and girls who give their time every Saturday morning in Stonebridge Road. The Academy will return at the end of August for Boys and Girls aged 4 to 6 years.If you have a child who might be interested simply call in and say hello.

New Outfits for 2013 Girls
Thank you to Elaine and Josh from AdiBel Construction for sponsoring a new set of training tops. The girls are looking for new players to join their group. Contact any club member.

Community Games
Our community games under 12 Gaelic football team did our village proud in getting to the County semi-final. Also congratulations to Kate who won Gold for the under 14 Girls Long Puck competition. Great stuff girls, well done everyone.

Summer Camps
Once again McCartan's Pharmacy sponsored our two summer camps thank you so much. The camps this year had an unusual feel to them as we returned to our original home in Shanganagh Park. The comfort of having the wide expanse of two pitches to spread out our children was brilliant. The weather was kind and the fun and games were second to none. Thank you everyone for your help during the two weeks.

Up the Dubs
Shankill clubman Darragh who captained the Dublin under 14 County team in their match against Armagh. He also played a "blinder" scoring 1- 03. Up the Village.

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Shankill Tennis Club

Shankill Tennis Club has just celebrated the official opening of new Padel and Junior Courts building a bigger, more inclusive home for sport in the heart of the community.

This month marked an exciting milestone; these major additions expand the club's facilities and reaffirms our commitment to accessible, community-centred sport. These new courts mean that we now offer not just tennis, but a variety different sports to the local community: Tennis, Padel and Pickleball.

As we look ahead to celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2026, it's a moment to reflect on just how far we've come. Founded in 1986 with just four tarmac courts, Shankill Tennis Club now contains seven outdoor courts, three world-class indoor courts, and dedicated junior facilities as well as two new Padel courts. From humble beginnings, we've grown into a dynamic, inclusive and welcoming club of approximately 900 members, offering low-cost membership and "pay and play" options for all allowing Non Members to pay and play as they go.

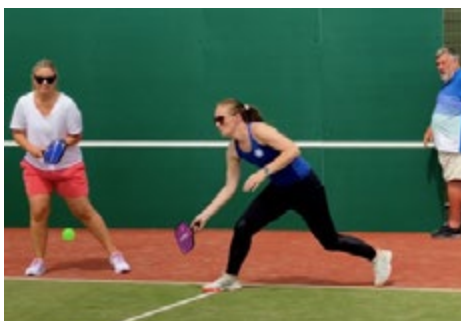
At the heart of Shankill Tennis Club is a strong sense of community. Our shared vision with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLR) and the DLR Sports Partnership has always been about increasing participation and access to sport for everyone, regardless of background or ability. Their ongoing support, both in capital investment and programme funding, has played a vital role in enabling us to grow and innovate over the years.

This support has also helped position the club as a key leader in inclusive sport. Shankill is proud to be the birthplace of the Tennis Ireland 'Enjoy Tennis' programme, and our courts have welcomed players of all abilities including individuals with intellectual disabilities, autism, wheelchair users, para-standing players, people with dementia, and athletes from the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH).

We also celebrate competitive success. Among our standout players are Riya Devereux (18), currently ranked world No. 3 in the Blind/VI B4 category, Charlie Jago Byrne, who is on track to compete in the Wheelchair Junior Grand Slams in 2026, and Garreth Greene, Ireland's No. 1 senior wheelchair tennis player.

Our reach extends beyond our members, we regularly engage with local DEIS schools and run programmes for older adults. Shankill continues to serve as a model of what a modern, socially inclusive sports club can look like.

What sets Shankill apart from other tennis clubs is our welcoming atmosphere to all. To try out our new facilities just hop onto our website as a member or non member and book yourself a slot. Rackets are available in the office to hire. Whether you're picking up a racket for the first time or training for a competition, there is a place for you at Shankill Tennis Club.



COMMUNITY GARDEN IN CASTLE ALLOTMENTS – QUINN'S ROAD SHANKILL

As the days are longer and brighter, there is great activity on the 95 plots and 9 raised beds in Castle Allotments on Quinns Road. People are busy planting and tending to the numerous varieties of vegetables and fruit on their assigned plots. Activity is not just confined to this, in addition to these efforts there has been great work done on the Community Garden.

As can be seen this cacophony of vibrant colours is there for everyone to enjoy but more importantly from a biodiversity aspect it is vital. Even though the area is relatively small, it is amazing how with thoughtful and careful planting of native and indigenous flowers the results can be so pleasing. Not only to the senses but at the same time creating a valuable contribution to improving and providing an essential habitat and food source for native wildlife such as birds, bees, and other pollinators. The inclusion of the bird bath bought with DLR grants serves as a water source for them to bathe and drink which is essential for their survival. These pollinators play a crucial role in plant reproduction by transferring pollen from one flower to another, facilitating fruit and seed production.

Thanks to the efforts over the months conducted by Susan Barr, Sandra Byrne and a small team of helpers who tend this area with care and attention, their efforts have resulted in this magnificent display of flowers. So why not consider native flowers for your garden, by doing so you help create a biodiverse environment that promotes the survival of local wildlife populations. This can lead to healthier ecosystems overall.

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It was great to see 28 coaches from Shankill FC completing the 7v7 FAI workshop in Shanganagh Park recently, delivered by Glen & Rory. Lots of enthusiasm and tons of learning, which will surely transfer onto the pitch next season. Well done to all the coaches

Well done to our U12 Girls and U13 Boys teams who finished runners up in their league. Fantastic achievement by both teams.

Congratulations to St. Anne's N.S. who won the Pegasus Cup. Huge thanks to Core Credit Union for sponsoring the jerseys.

Congratulations to Rathmichael N.S. winning the Nixon Morton Southside Cup.

Shankill FC were invited to host a Soccer Camp at our local school Scoil Mhuire. The kids were split into different age groups and they loved it. This initiative will hopefully incorporate more of our local schools as part of our Schools Development Program in the community.

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Shankill Bowling Club

by Jack Byrne P.R.O.

The executive of our club on Quinn's Road has introduced refurbishments within the club enclosure, repainting all seating to match ones purchased recently, refitting new (all weather) memorial plaques in remembrance of valued founding members, officers, sponsors and so on, as well as replacing those which had become unreadable due to the "ravages of time''. With security in mind, CCTV cameras now cover the whole enclosure that is Shankill bowling club keeping our membership safe and secure whilst participating in this social sport.

Martin Gray with his BBQ on our fun day

At present our club is engaged in the Irish Lawn Bowling national leagues and teams compete on a weekly basis, Division 2 on Saturdays, Division 2 on Wednesday and Vets Divisions 4 and 6 on Thursdays. Some seventy plus players of mixed gender take to the rinks all over Dublin. It is also a time to take part in ILB national championship competitions where individuals of both genders from our club enter the various sections being run nationally. This culminates in a finals weekend usually in late August to early September.

Bowling is becoming more popular all across the island of Ireland due to the good work by Sport Ireland and in turn by each County's Sports Partnership Agency who promote the great health benefits to the young and not so young. In June each year a bowling fun day is run at our club. This season's event was very successful. The bowling sequence is a course mapped out around the entire bowling green covering all rinks where one needs to reach certain targets in order to score. Every participant must complete three circuits of the course. The winner has the highest score accumulated. We had a great time under blazing sunshine and to cap it all there was a marvellous BBQ which is always the highlight of the fun day. Well done to our organisers, Eric and Martin, valued members. Particular thanks go to Martin, who does a great BBQ.

The club's in-house competitions are progressing well, reaching their final stage in August. We will have our club finals weekend in September, playing on both Saturday and Sunday which usually ends with an enjoyable social evening and presentation of trophies.

20 BLIAIN I GCROÍLÁR SHEANCHILLE Á CHEILIÚRADH AG CÚRAM LEANAÍ POIBLÍ ATÁ Á SHOLÁTHAR TRÍ MHÉAN NA GAEILGE

Community Childcare through Irish celebrating 20 years in the heart of Shankill

Is seirbhís cúraim leanaí seachbhrabúsach poiblí as Gaeilge a bhfuil stádas carthanachta aici, atá bunaithe i Seanchill í Croí na Coille, N.P.S. Cuirimid cúram agus oideachas ar fáil do pháistí atá idir 3-13 bliain d'aois. Thosaigh Cris Uí Bhriain in a báile féin é ár dtús 31 bliain ó shin mar Naíonra beag i Seanchill. Tógadh ár dteach adhmaid álainn, 'Croí na Coille', a bhuíochas sin do ghníomhaíochtaí tiomsaithe airgid áitiúla agus tacaíochtaí deontas. Bhogamar isteach ann in 2005 agus tháinig fás orainn, agus is gearr go raibh cúram lae iomlán agus cúram iarscoile á gcur ar fáil again. Táimid lonnaithe in Tillystown, ar thalamh a bhíodh á úsáid i gcónaí ag grúpaí pobail. Tá an t-ádh dearg linn go bhfuil cuid mhaith spáis faoin aer againn gur féidir leis na paistí an-chuid taitnimh a bhaint as.

Croí na Coille, N.P.S. is a not-for-profit Irish language community childcare service with Charitable Status based in Shankill. We provide care and education for children between the ages of 3-13 years. Cris Uí Bhriain started a small Irish language preschool (Naíonra) in her own home in Shankill 31 years ago. Through local fundraising and with the support of grants our beautiful log house 'Croí na Coille' was built. In 2005, we moved in and expanded to cater to full day care and after school care. We are located in Tillystown on land that has always been used for community groups. We are lucky to have ample green space here for the children to enjoy.

Ba mhaith linn an comóradh 20 Bliain seo a cheiliúradh trí bhuíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le teaghlaigh reatha agus teaghlaigh ó na blianta atá caite, baill an bhoird agus baill foirne, as a gcuid tacaíochta uile. Chinntigh a gcuid dúthrachta agus obair leanúnach gur cruthaíodh 'Gaeltacht bheag' anseo inár bpobail áitiúil, agus tá sí fós faoi bhláth inniu. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil chomh maith leis an gComhairle Contae, na comhairleoirí uile agus na daoine eile a raibh baint acu le tús a chuir leis an togra seo sa chéad lá riamh.

We want to mark this 20 year anniversary by thanking all the present and previous families, board members and staff for all their support to help create and sustain this pocket of Irish language in our local community. We would like to also thank the county council, the local councillors and other people who helped to get this project off the ground.

Bíonn ró-éileamh ar áiteanna sa naíonra i gcónaí, ainneoin nach dtugtar faoi fheachtais fógraíochta riamh. Is fíorléiriú é seo ar an ardseirbhís a chuireann ár mbaill foirne atá linn le fada an lá, ar fáil. Ba mhaith linn buíochas faoi leith a ghabháil leo mar gheall ar a dtiomantas i leith na seirbhíse agus na dteaghlach. Is áit iontach speisialta atá anseo, áit a gcuirtear seirbhís ar leith ar fáil a bhuíochas sin do dhíograis na foirne seo.

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Shankill enters SuperValu Tidy Towns 2025

Shankill, a place in-between

Shankill TidyTowns are very pleased to enter the 2025 SuperValu TidyTowns competition. Shankill is very much a place in-between, it is between Dublin and Wicklow, between the mountains and the sea, between the bustling capital city and the placid countryside and between its past as a sleepy rural parish and its future, hopefully, as a thriving, active garden suburb.

The parish, historically called Rathmichael, but more recently better known as Shankill, dates back medieval times, as shown by its three old castles, Shanganagh, Shankill and Puck's, but the ringfort at Rathmichael and ancient Celtic crosses are testimony to even older origins. However, what we now call Shankill Village is much more recent, dating from the 1860s. Originally, known as Tillystown, it became known as Shankill as that was the name of the nearby railway station on the old Harcourt Street line, even though most of the densely populated area between the N11 and the sea is actually in the townland of Shanganagh.

This evolution of Shankill has created its unique character as a place in-between. While we refer to Main Street as the Village, important buildings are spread over a much wider area, probably reflecting its rural parish origins. The two churches at Rathmichael and Crinken are very much on the periphery of the area, while a previous TidyTowns adjudicator appeared to suggest that the Carnegie Library was in the wrong place!

In the 18th Century, the owner of Shanganagh was awarded a gold medal by the Dublin Society, now better known as the RDS, for planting and maintaining over 30,000 trees in the area, ensuring that, even today, Shankill retains a rural, sylvan aspect. While usually rendered in Irish as Seanchill, or "old church", Shankill could also have been Seanchoill or "old woodland".

Situated in a two-kilometre wide strip between the mountains and the sea, Shankill has long been on the route linking Dublin to Bray and the South-east Coast. This narrow strip had two railway lines which merged at Shanganagh Junction, until the Harcourt Street Line closed in the late 1950s. Until the M11 Bray-Shankill bypass was built in the early 1990s, the main road to Bray and the Southeast went through Shankill Village. Brady's pub, once known as the Shanganagh Hotel, was a well-known stopping point on a road that seems to have been defined by its pubs. Many longtime residents feel that the bypass was the making of the Shankill that we know today.

Without doubt, there will be further major developments in the Shankill area in the near future. The population of the TidyTowns functional area has been relatively static at around 10,000 for some years but will now be significantly increased by developments at Woodbrook, Abingdon and Shanganagh Castle Estate. A Local Area Plan is being prepared for Rathmichael, essentially the part of the parish between the N11 and the foothills, with substantial development earmarked for lands in the vicinity of Rathmichael Church.

These themes all come together in the challenges that Shankill now faces as a community. The National Transport Authority's proposals for a Bus Corridor between the Loughlinstown and Wilford roundabouts could have a devasting impact on Shankill with major tree loss and changed traffic arrangements at significant financial costs while offering limited, questionable benefits to bus services, no real improvements to cyclists and probable challenges to pedestrians. Essentially, what has made Shankill great, its trees and the bypass, are at risk of being undone.

Hopefully, it will be Gold again, four in a row

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Having your pensions in one place should make it easier to keep track of them as you will only have one set of paperwork from one pension provider. By consolidating your pensions, you will have a comprehensive overview of your retirement savings, making planning and adjusting your strategy easier.

Some pension policies may have higher charges than others. Combining your pensions into one place will mean you could benefit from a single lower charge based on the total value of your pension savings. A unified pension pot may offer better investment options, including access to a wider range of investment opportunities, potentially leading to better returns.

It is important to consider all the pros and cons to make sure consolidating your pensions is right for you. When making your decision, you should look at the features and benefits of each plan. A financial advisor will be able to explain what type of pension you have and outline your options in an easy-to-understand way.

Summary of potential benefits:

- A tailored investment strategy
- Potentially lower charges
- Simple tracking of pension growth
- Less paperwork

It is important to note that there can be disadvantages to moving a pension. For example, a guaranteed pension income may be lost or there could be exit fees. Therefore, it is important to get advice.

When it comes to the benefits of working with a financial broker to manage your pension, the numbers speak for themselves. A Brokers Ireland Survey found that Irish people who sought financial advice tended to have much bigger pension pots compared to those who didn't. Also, they're more likely to understand the tax benefits, and have a pension in the first place!

Local History Society Lectures

by James Scannell

DLR Summer of Heritage
Copies of this brochure which outlines walks and talks taking place during August organised by dlr County Council are available from Shankill Library, other dlr libraries, and the Tourist Information Office in Dun Laoghaire, or can be viewed online – just search for 'dlr Summer of Heritage.'

As part of this programme a 90-minute ***'Historic Shankill Walk'*** will take place on Tuesdays August 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and September 2nd. Meet at Shankill DART Station at 7 p.m. This is an outdoor event limited to a maximum of 25 participants per walk. Wheelchair accessible. No booking is required.

Medal Society of Ireland
A ***'Medal, Militaria and Collectables Fair'*** will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday August 2nd in the Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - Admission is €2 for members and €4 for non-members.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
By kind permission of the Bray Municipal District, Brian White will give guided tours on ***'The Windows of the Town Hall'*** as part of the Society's contribution to Heritage Week 2025, at 3 p.m. on Saturday August 16th, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday August 20th, and at 10 a.m. on Saturday August 23rd. Due to a restriction on the number who can take part in each visit, the Mermaid Theatre has agreed to manage a booking system. Members and non members must book with the Mermaid Theatre – call 01-272 4030 or via ***mermaidartscentre.ie***. There is no booking fee.

The Old Dublin Society
Olivia Frehill will present ***'Women and Work in Dublin, c. 1890-1930s'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday August 20th in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome - admission is free and no booking is required but seats will be available on a first come-first seated basis.

Balbriggan and District Historical Society
Jim Walsh will present ***'The Life of John Henry Gaynor – local Republican'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday August 27th in the Bracken Court Hotel, 3A Bridge Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.
All are welcome – admission is free for members and €5 for non-members.

Shankill – Looking Back

Extra Money for the Shankill Librarian
In 1925 Shankill Library was administered by the Shankill Library Sub-Committee of the Rathdown No.1 Rural District Council (RNo.1RDC), which looked after local government matters in the Barony of Rathdown, of which Shankill was part, for Dublin County Council. During the August 5th 1925 meeting of the Council, at which Mr. A. W. Cullen presided, the Shankill Library Sub-Committee reported that Miss Agnes Doyle, their Hon. Secretary for 13 years, had tendered her resignation and that Mr. Thomas Doyle had been appointed as her successor.

The sub-committee also passed a resolution that the librarian, Miss Shanahan, should be paid £13.5s. for cleaning the library on each day that the Shankill District Court was held there from March 1923 to June 1925,and that she be paid 10s. per month thereafter for this duty. The library was used two days a month by Shankill District Court - one for the court sitting and the other by the Court Clerk.

When Miss Shanahan sought payment for this extra work from Dublin County Council, it referred the matter back to the RNo.1RDC for decision. In the ensuing discussion on this issue by members, it emerged that Miss Shanahan received £1 for all night dances, 7s.6. for part night events, and 5s. when up to 10 p.m. On the motion of Mr. Cullen, it was decided to pay Miss Shanahan £6.15s. for the period March 1923 to June 1925, and 5s. per month in connection with Court sittings.

Publications

'History Ireland' magazine, July/ August 2025, Volume 33 No 4, Editor Tommy Graham, published by Wordwell Ltd.

With the striking image from a painting of RAF Lancaster bombers flying in formation by Piotr Forkasiewicz, Editor Tommy Graham opines on 'War and Genocide - then and now' followed by feature articles including 'Time out of joint – calendars old and new' by Cora Crampton, 'Spain, her Irish officers and the '45' by Stephen Griffin, 'John Sullivan's great escape in 1798 – survival through translation' by John Gleeson, 'A law unto himself?: Tom Barry's guerrilla campaign in Tipperary' by Anthony Barrett, 'The first Blueshirts – the British Fascisti in Ireland 1923-35' by Pádraig Óg Ó Ruairc, 'Ireland Beautiful – how a 1925 American photobook boosted Irish tourism' by Mark Holan, 'The Callaghans and the Murphys and twentieth-century cancel culture' by Christopher S. Connelly, 'Cricket in Fingal' by James Bennett, 'From Athlone to Amiens – an Irish airman's death' by Desmond Gibney which is connected to the striking cover image' and 'Robert Dudley Edwards and the Quaker undercurrent to the Irish scientific history revolution' by Neasa MacErlean.
Regular features include 'Letters', 'Bite-Sized History', 'Artefacts', 'Gems of Architecture', 'Kindred Lines', 'IFI Film Eve', 'Museum Eye', Radio Ear', 'Seen on TV', 'Bookworm', 'The Big Book' and individual book reviews, and 'Ireland 100 Years Ago.'

Copies of this excellent history magazine are now on sale at various outlets but a good way to ensure never missing an issue is to take out a subscription to it – write to History Ireland, Suite 5, 'Hub 17', 17 Corrig Road, Sandyford Business Park, Dublin 18, D18 N6K8, or:
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Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

Rathmichael Historical Society
The Summer is now well and truly with us and the Society has already completed its outings programme for the year. This started with a fascinating guided walking tour of the medieval churches of Dublin led by Stuart Kinsella on 12th April. Some of these churches have completely disappeared but Stuart was able to pinpoint their locations.The Boyne Valley was the focus for most of the remaining outings and will also be the theme for the Summer Lecture Series in August.

On 8th May, Roger Stalley guided us on a visit to the 6th century Monasterboice monastic site with its wonderful 10th century high crosses and afterwards to the 12th century Cistercian abbey at Mellifont. We were so fortunate to have the expertise of Roger Stalley to explain how and where the high crosses were made and to interpret the iconography on them.

On 17th May, we visited Loughcrew megalithic cemetery near Oldcastle, Co.Meath, led by Anthony Murphy, who later in the day, brought us to see the 5,000 year-old Fourknocks passage tomb near Drogheda. We were privileged to be allowed to enter the large interior chamber with its extensive array of megalithic art.

On the following day, Geraldine and Matthew Stout guided our visit to Bective Abbey which was founded in 1147 and was the first daughter house of the already-visited Mellifont. The Stouts explained how their excavations had unraveled the three main phases of construction. Later, they brought us to see the site of Beaubec Abbey which they had also excavated. This was a 13th century Cistercian farm. The final outing took place on 14th June and was a walking tour of Tullamore, led by local historian, Michael Byrne. This was followed by guided visits to two buildings designed by the famous architect, Francis Johnston: Charleville Forest and St. Catherine's Church.

Our attention now turns to the **Summer Lecture Series:**

- Monday, 11th Aug: The Boyne Valley Landscape *by Stephen Mandal*
- Tuesday, 12th Aug: The Medieval Bridges of the Boyne Valley *by Rob Goodbody*
- Wednesday, 13th Aug: The Ford of Broe on the Boyne *by Paul Gosling*
- Thursday, 14th Aug: Historic Trim *by Michael Potterton*
- Friday, 15th Aug: Houses of the Boyne *by Aisling Durkan*

Our **normal lecture** programme resumes in October:

- Wednesday, 1st Oct: Monasticism in Ireland by *Edel Bhreathnach*
- Wednesday, 5th Nov: A Photographic Career in Ruins *by Con Brogan*
- Wednesday, 3rd Dec: Rock Art *by Finola Finlay*

All lectures are held in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin at 8pm and can also be attended via Zoom. Admission €5 for non-members (includes tea/coffee).

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Shankill Classical Music Club

At the final meeting of the season, the AGM didn't run over its expected time, so all of John O'Hagan's provisional playlist got a spin. It even allowed time for him to indulge in (his words) a bit of reminiscing about how he came to enjoy classical music. His first orchestral concert, for example, was when a BBC orchestra came calling to Derry Guildhall in the pre-troubles mid-60s. A Handel concerto grosso was on the menu, although he can't be sure the movement he offered was from the one played then.

Frédéric Chopin, 1910 - 1849

His love of piano music may have started when the local furniture and radio shop (yes, a common mix in small towns then) dug deep among the country-and-western mainstream and came up with three "classical" LPs to go with the record player the nerdish teenager had persuaded the family to invest in - My Fair Lady, Strauss waltzes and piano favourites. But it was certainly confirmed when a disc of Chopin was one of four he acquired as the introductory free offer for a mail-order record club. ("Yours to keep; no minimum-purchase obligation; cancel any time".) He got his timing right and still has the discs, at no expense. They were temptingly flagged as "long-playing" but instead of the expected 12-inches they were disappointingly 7-inchers, albeit played at only 33rpm instead of 45, yielding 6 or 7 minutes per side.) The pianist in the prelude on the record was the Polish veteran Vlado Perlemuter, and we heard his later recording of the piece from the CD era.

Another of the four starter discs was a rarity: an arrangement for two violins by Haydn of a couple of movements from one of his very early string quartets. That very performance, by the father and son duo David and Igor Oistrakh, was reissued many years later on CD, and we had the theme and variations movement. (For the record – ahem - the other two were: Favourite Overtures – and we heard the Prelude to Act 1 of Verdi's La Traviata; and an early Mozart symphony.)

More variations – perhaps the greatest of all, J S Bach's Goldberg set – was John's first-ever live hearing of a harpsichord, in a late 60s or early 70s performance in Dublin by the foremost Irish player of the day, John O'Sullivan. There was time for only the theme and first variation, played here by Kenneth Gilbert.

Add in Beethoven (the very strange "La Malinconia" final movement of the Op 18 No 6 string quartet); Liszt (one of the Petrarch Sonnet songs); Schubert (a male-voice choir in the jaunty Gondolier chorus); Berlioz (the waltz movement from the Symphonie Fantastique); and Stravinsky (the first movement from the Dumbarton Oaks concerto. This last, composed in 1937-8, was explicitly modelled on J S Bach's Brandenburg Concertos, and even has a bit of fun with a tentative fugato passage. Stravinsky could of course have written a full-blown fugue if he'd wanted to, and it's amusing to speculate if he ever heard Glenn Gould's jokey parody "So You Want to Write a Fugue?"

Another piano piece to end, from John's "all-time favourite" piano record: a couple of suites of short pieces by Schumann, played by Sviatoslav Richter. The piece chosen, from the Waldszenen set, was Abschied (Farewell).

The club is on its summer break. Meetings next season will continue to be on the second Wednesday of the month, starting on 10 September. Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more info please contact Malcolm Fitzell at 085 852 8216.

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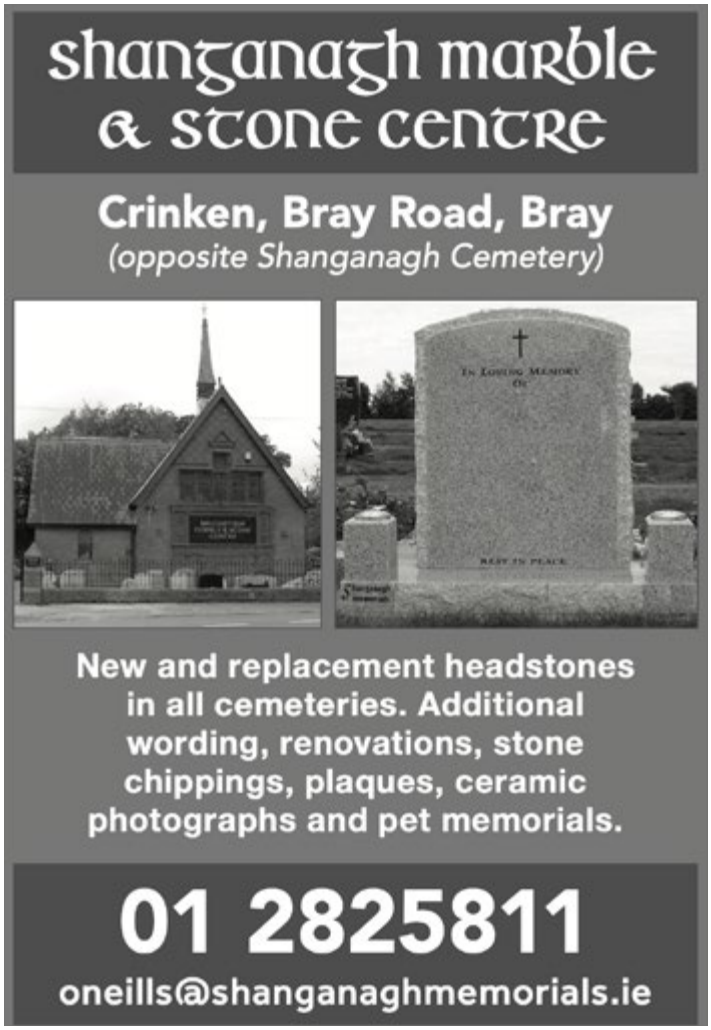
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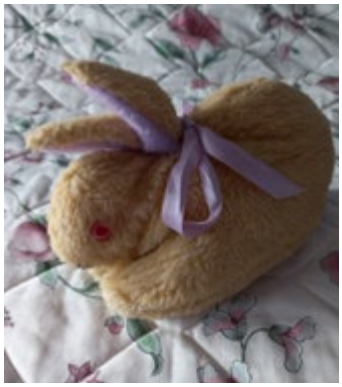

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SÁINNIÚ *Written in English by Jean Hogan*

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PART 2 (Part 1 in the June issue)

Thar na 15 bliana ina dhiaidh sin chuaigh a scil agus a cáil i méid agus thaistil sí an domhan ag imirt ar an gcamchuairt idirnáisiúnta fichille. Ba bhreá léi teacht ar ais go dtí a baile dúchais, am a chaitheamh lena tuisimitheoirí agus cuairt a thabhairt ar mhuintir Ludovich san árasán thuas. Ba bhreá léi siúl sna coillte gar dá teach agus dul ar shiúlóid sna sléibhte a thimpeallaigh a cúige.

Bhí an-chion ag Príomhaire na Rúise uirthi agus bhí ar intinn aige bheith i láthair ag Craobhchomórtais Ardmháistrí Fichille an Domhain a bhí le rith i Reykjavik na hÍoslainne go luath an bhliain dar gcionn. Bhí aithne ag Titiana ar a céile comhraic agus cheap sí go mbeadh sí in ann buachan air. Dúirt an Príomhaire léi, dá mbuafadh sí, go mbronnfadh sé árasán mór ar a muintir i gCearnóg St. Petersburg, príomhchathair na tíre. Chomh maith leis sin gheobhaidís pinsean bliantúil a ligfeadh dóibh maireachtáil go han-chompordach don chuid eile dá saol. Thaitin sé seo go mór lena muintir agus bhí siad ag tnúth go mór leis an gcomórtas.

Ba stratéisí cruthanta í Titiana. Ardmháistir ó nádúr bhí inti. Dá bhrí sin ba smaointeoir neamhspleách í. Bhí sí saor. Bhí sí saor ó bheith ag smaoineamh ar thuairimí daoine eile. Bhí sí saor ó aon rud a rinne doiléir pé cinneadh a dhéanfadh daoine eile. Bhí sí saor ó phróisis smaointeoireachta a bhí rómhothúchánach. Bhí sí in ann cúrsaí a mheas. Bhí sí in ann toradh a fheiceáil agus a fhios aici go soiléir go raibh comhréiteach riachtanach ann chun bogadh ar aghaidh. Dhéanfadh sí suas a haigne agus bheadh a fhios aici go soiléir cad a bheadh le déanamh aici. Ní chaillfeadh sí misneach.

I mí Feabhra an bhliain dar gcionn bhordáil siad ar eitleán go Reykjavik: Titiana, a beirt deartháireacha, agus muintir Ludovich a chuaigh mar aoíonna ar iarratas Titiana. Réitigh an Foirgneamh Harpa álainn an bealach do chomórtas iontach fichille idirTitiana Aleksandrovich agus Gregor Makarov. Bhí an domhan ag féachaint. Chuaigh na himreoirí ar an ardán. Tost agus dóchas. Bhí Titiana ar tí a háit a fháil mar Ardmháistir an Domhain agus bhí a fhios aici go mbeadh sí in ann. Ach rinne sí meángháire ina hintinn agus í ag breathnú mórthimpeall agus ag féachaint ar ar a teaghlach agus ar a cairde. D'fhéach sí i súile Papa Ludovich agus bhí a fhios aige go raibh guaim fhoirfe uirthi agus a spiorad díograiseach. Ach bhraith sé rud eile nár thuig sé.

Thosaigh an cluiche. Níor bhreathnaigh na himreoirí sa tsúil orthu. Ní raibh fuaim le cloisteáil i measc na 850 duine i láthair ach amháin cling chlog na fichille de réir mar a rinne na himreoirí a mbogadh. Chuaigh trí huaire thart agus bhí Titiana ar tí buachan. Ansin d'fhéach sí thart ar a teaghlach, ar a comharsana. Ina hintinn bhí sí in ann an t-árasán beag inar chónaigh sí féin agus a muintir a fheiceáil, áit a raibh siad sonasach. Bhí sí in ann boladh an fhéithlinn a fháil, féithleann a d'fhás go fiáin sna foraiseacha in aice a baile. Bhí sí in ann na sléibhte a shamhlú, sléibhte a mbíodh a mbairr faoi bhrat sneachta, na sléibhte sin a bhí le feiceáil ó fhuinneog a gcistine bige. D'aireodh sí uaithi é seo uilig.

D'aireodh sí uaithi Muintir Ludovich dá mbogfadh sí chun cónaí 800 míle go dtí an phríomhchathair. Agus mar an straitéisí ab ea í rinne sí bogadh a bhí in aghaidh a nádúir mar imreoir fichille. Dá bharr sin thit sí ar gcúl agus chuaigh a céile comhraic ó neart go neart. Tharraing an lucht féachána anáil dhomhain mar bhí a fhios acu gur athraigh rud éigin. Bhí a fhios acu go gcaillfeadh Titiana an cluiche cé go raibh sí in ann buachan.

Agus do chaill.

Ba ar éigin a bhí an buaiteoir in ann labhairt. Cad a tharla do Titiana, d'fhiafraigh daoine dá chéile. Chaoin a máthair; bhí mearbhall ar a hathair. Ach Papa, bhí a fhios aigesean gurbh í a chailín beag a bhí ina sárimreoir fichille. Bhí a fhios aige go mba ise a bhí i gceannas ar an gclár i ndeireadh na dála. Bhí a fhios aige gur bhain sí an toradh a bhí uaithi. Rinne sé meangadh gáire léi agus rinne sise meangadh gáire ar ais leis-sean.

Sa saol, a bhfuil ag teastáil ó dhaoine eile dúinn, ní hé sin atá uainn. Ní mór dúinn ár gconair féin a leanúint. Ar dtús ní foláir dúinn a fhios a bheith againn go díreach céard atá uainn. Sea, is ansin atá an freagra: caithfimid a fháil amach go díreach cad é an rud go fíreannach a bhfuil meas againn air.

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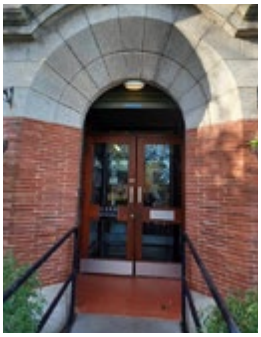

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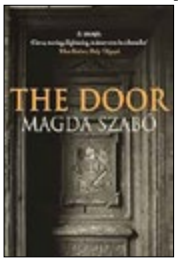
First Friday Book Club will meet on ***Friday 1st August at 11am*** to ◀ discuss ***'The Door'*** by *Magda Szabo* and collect ***'I have read the news today, Oh Boy'*** by *Paul Howard.*



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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

As the end of term approached the school community was involved in a number of interesting and fun events.

On 16th May, we were delighted to welcome Lee Cole, past pupil and member of the Ireland Men's Hockey Team that took part in the Paris Olympics. Lee has 140 caps for Ireland and gave a presentation to children from 1st to 6th Classes, based on his Olympic experience and his hockey career highlights. He signed hockey sticks and other equipment and spent a considerable time answering the children's questions.

Our Sponsored Walk, which had been scheduled to take place in October, was held on 18th May in Carrickgolligan Woods. Thank you to all those who participated and who brought in sponsorship money. This is always a fun event and one which the children look forward to. Many thanks go to the PTA who played a huge part in the organisation of this event and to the parents who acted as marshals along the route and manned the car park.

On 22nd May, Geoff Robinson came into school to conduct marine workshops with 1st to 5th Classes. He covered topics associated with his work in BIM, including overfishing, water pollution and marine life. The children really enjoyed his practical demonstrations and had lots of questions for him.

On 30th May, Barry Ward T.D. joined us, with a colleague, in his capacity as a Barrister, to undertake a mock trial with 6th Class. The children were all fascinated with the procedures involved and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

On 4th June, 3rd Class went on a visit to Shankill Library to listen to author, Erika McGann, reading from her book "Chasing the Sky". She also shared her childhood adventures with them and what inspired her to start writing. Thanks to the Library staff for facilitating the visit and to the staff and parents who accompanied them.

Our Ladybirds, Brownies and Guides looked amazing in their uniforms for a recent filming in the school grounds, undertaken by News2Day.

Our Class Book – 4th Class – the pupils in 4th Class produced an amazing book based on Monuments of the World – they each wrote about and drew a picture of a famous monument and this was published in book form. Well done to Ms Hade and all the children.

We are very proud of the achievements of both our current and past pupils in the sporting and creative arenas. Well done to past pupils, Ellis S and Mia L who were part of the Shankill Tennis Club's Under 18 Girls' team who were successful in the recent DLTC finals. Congratulations to Jesse O and Fia C, who were members of the Shankill TC Under 10 Mixed Team who won the DLTC Under 10's final.

Many congratulations to William T who was voted the Coaches Player of the Year on his undefeated, league winning Under 12 basketball team. Luke B and Jonah RB were members of St. Joseph's Under 12's Boys' Team that travelled to the U.K. on 23rd May to take part in an elite academy tournament. The team got to the quarter finals, only being beaten by Derby County, on penalties, which was an amazing achievement.

Isla S, Reuben T, Sophia G and Ewan C took part in the finals of the Awesome Walls Climbing Competition, representing the school and came 4th – an excellent result – well done to all. Last but not least, congratulations to Evelyn T (1st place) and Lana Homer (2nd place) in the recent Church May Fair Summer Vibes art competition in their age groups. Well done to Marcus H who took 1st place in his age group also.

Many congratulations to our 6th pupils who made their Confirmation in St. Anne's Parish Church. Thanks to Elaine McGuire, the Parish Worker, for all her work in preparing the children.

The build up to the end of term lived up to its promise of more excitement and fun and everyone enjoyed the planned events – more about that in the September issue.

Naomi Rousseau *(Principal)*

Update from...

Cormac Devlin TD

I hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather and long summer evenings.

Over the past few weeks, the Dáil has been focused on new policies to support carers, protect children, deliver safer communities, and improve housing supply while supporting first-time buyers and renters.

It was a pleasure to welcome everyone from **Purple House** to the Dáil for a briefing on the vital support they provide to cancer patients and families. Their work makes a real difference in our communities, and it's clear that increased support is needed to help them reach even more people.

Work on **Budget 2026** is well underway. I've met with many representative groups, and it's clear there must be continued support for households and families, a decent tax package, and increases for vital public services. If you have any feedback or suggestions ahead of the budget, please get in touch.

Locally, Fianna Fáil Councillors **Justin Moylan** and **Michael Clark** secured agreement, **despite strong opposition from some opposition parties and independents**, to continue the full **15% discount on the Local Property Tax** for households.

We also held a very well-attended public meeting on the **DLR Connector** proposal from Council officials, which would see the removal of the **Stradbrook** and **Monkstown** roundabouts and introduce other changes that could have a very negative impact on traffic flows in Dún Laoghaire.

We need to see a far more balanced approach to these schemes, such as **BusConnects** and the **DLR Connector**. The current proposals are excessive and do not represent a good use of public funds.

BETTER SUPPORTS FOR CARERS
The recent announcement of major improvements to the **Carer's Allowance** is a very welcome step forward. The income disregard has been significantly increased to **€625 per week** for single carers and **€1,250 for couples**, ensuring that thousands more people will now qualify or receive higher payments.

This is a key priority for me as your local TD and part of a broader Government commitment to phase out the means test entirely over time. These changes recognise the invaluable role that carers play in our society and help to ease some of the financial pressure they face.

PROTECTING CHILDREN, NORTH AND SOUTH
As Chair of the **Good Friday Agreement Committee**, I particularly welcome the new **North/South Child Protection Work Programme**. Cross-border cooperation on safeguarding children is essential, and this new agreement strengthens how both jurisdictions will share information, align policies, and coordinate services. It's a positive example of practical North–South cooperation delivering real benefits for families and communities.

RETROFITTING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY
Retrofitting continues at pace, with almost **54,000 home energy upgrades** supported last year, exceeding national targets. These works reduce energy bills, improve home comfort, and help meet our climate goals.

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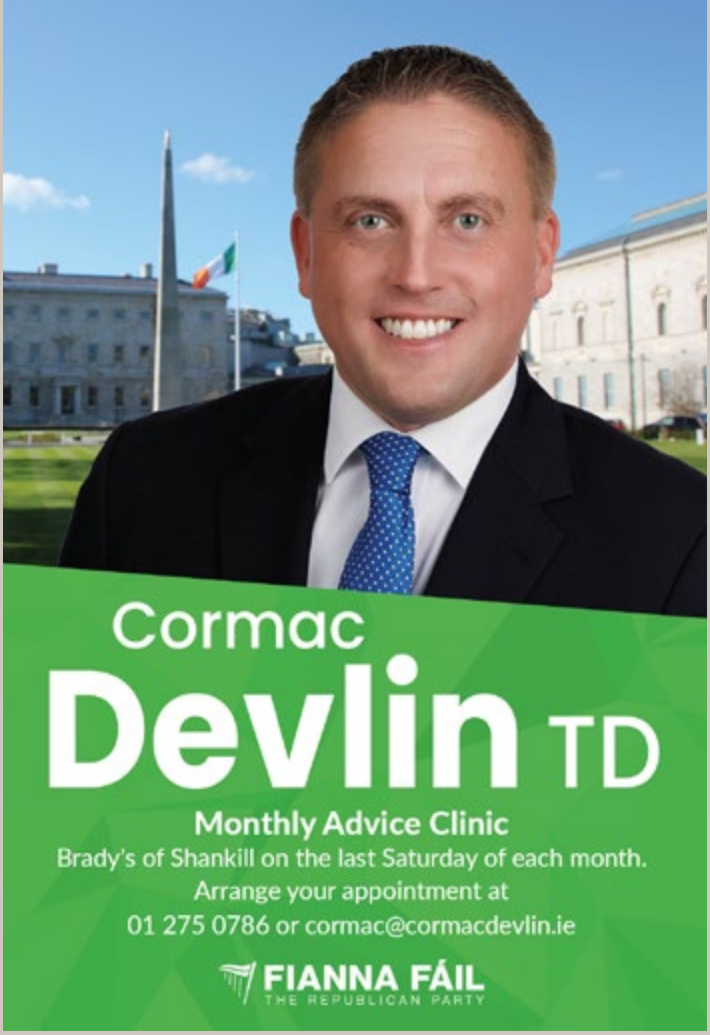

available, including for insulation, heat pumps, and solar panels.

DELIVERING SAFER COMMUNITIES
Several justice initiatives are now in place to make our communities safer:

- **The DRIVE campaign** supports families affected by drug-related intimidation, offering confidential help and local support services.
- **The Zero Tolerance Strategy** is strengthening our response to domestic, sexual, and gender-based violence, with new legislation, expanded refuges, and better supports for victims.
- **Local Community Safety Partnerships** are being rolled out nationwide, giving communities a stronger voice in crime prevention.

Meanwhile, Minister Jim O'Callaghan has secured Cabinet approval for the International Protection Bill 2025, which will make our asylum system more efficient, fair, and in line with EU standards.

SUPPORTING FIRST-TIME BUYERS AND RENTERS
We've extended the **First Home Scheme** to 2027, with additional funding to help first-time buyers bridge the gap between their mortgage approval and the price of a new home.

At the same time, the Government is introducing the most significant **rental reforms** in a generation: national rent controls, stronger protections against unfair evictions, and a **six-year minimum tenancy** for new leases. These changes will give renters real certainty and security, while continuing to support investment in rental supply.

KEEPING IN TOUCH
My monthly Advice Clinic takes place in Brady's of Shankill on the last Saturday of each month (excluding August & Bank Holidays). Please get in touch by calling **01 275 0786** or emailing ***cormac@cormacdevlin.ie*** to make an appointment or if I can assist you in any way.

School News in scan

Incredible Edibles

The children in 2nd and 5th class have been working hard on growing their own fruit and vegetables. They were thrilled to use their own produce to create a yummy salad that lots of the children enjoyed. We have grown lettuce, spring onions, turnips, carrots, strawberries, potatoes and more. We are looking forward to harvesting more of our produce over the next few weeks and making more delicious recipes.

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DLR Creative Arts Programme celebrates 30 years

3rd Class has participated in the DLR Creative Arts Programm over a number of weeks in April and May. We welcomed artist Ann Donnolly each Friday to focus on process art and we also incorporated nature into the artwork. The programme celebrat 30 years this year and to celebrate, 3rd Class welcomed An Cathaoirleach to Scoil Mhuire for a special photo.

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52nd Dublin (Shankill) Scout Group

In May, we formally welcomed new members into Shankill Scout Group with a wonderful Annual Group BBQ where the new Beavers made their Scout Promise and were invested into the Scout Group alongside the other Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Scouters and witnessed by their very proud parents. Service awards were presented to Tom Clarke (15 years), John Coveney (10 years) and our Group Leader Eoghan Fleming (5 years). A special thanks to the Beaver and Cub Scouters for hosting the BBQ, particularly to Alex Fogarty for cooking up a storm.

In June, we got the fantastic news that 11 Scouts and 2 Scouters from Shankill Scout Group have been accepted as part of Scouting Ireland's contingent to the next World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027. This is a huge milestone for the Scout Group as it is the first time since 2011 that we have had representation at a World Scout Jamboree and it's the largest representation that we have ever had at one.

In July, the Scouts had a fantastic summer camp at the IOAC in Wexford. There they enjoyed kayaking, an obstacle course, archery, a campfire, trips to Rosslare Beach and the National Heritage Park, and they got to meet Scouts from all over the country. The weather was fantastic and the Scouts made memories to last a lifetime. Plans are already being made for next years' summer camp so watch this space!

We are always looking for new members aged 6 - 15 to join our Beaver, Cub and Scout sections and we are very excited to announce that we will soon be reopening over Venture Scout Section (15 - 17) in the coming months. For over 50 years we have offered fun, challenge and adventure in the great outdoors to young people in Shankill and there has never been a better time to get involved! We are also looking for Adult Scouters over 18 years of age to volunteer their time to help out so that we can share these incredible experiences with even more young people.

If you, or your kids, love camping, hiking and the outdoors as much as we do and would like to join, please contact the Group Leader at: ***eoghan52ndshankill@hotmail.com***.

Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders

Registered Charity Number: 20200526

We're proud to share that our Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders (CFR) team has responded to 181 emergency calls across the first half of 2025. From cardiac arrests and strokes to falls and seizures, we're often the first to arrive — offering care, reassurance, and support until the ambulance arrives.

As local volunteers, we're on call whenever possible, working alongside the National Ambulance Service to give our neighbours the best possible chance in a medical emergency. Every call reminds us why we do this — and how important a connected, caring community really is.

We continue to teach and upskill our volunteers with monthly training and scenarios, which helps when the calls come.

One of our goals is not just to respond, but to equip others with the skills to help. That's why we're running a free Hands for Life CPR training session on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:45 PM in St. Anne's Resource Centre. The session lasts around two hours and is suitable for absolutely everyone. No prior experience needed — just a willingness to learn.

You'll come away with the confidence to step in and potentially save a life. To book your place, visit our website: ***www.shankillcfr.ie***. Spaces are limited, so we recommend signing up early.

For the latest updates, visit our website www.shankillcfr.ie; follow us on Facebook "Shankill & Ballybrack CFR," and/or our Instagram ***@shankillballybrackcfr***. For any inquiries, please send an email to ***info@shankillcfr.ie***.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

AFFORDABLE PURCHASE SCHEME – CASTLE DEVELOPMENT, SHANKILL

The online application portal for Affordable Purchase Apartments in Shanganagh Castle Estate (Shanganagh Castle Estate Phase Two) opened for applications at 12:00 on Wednesday July 23rd, 2025 and closes at 17:00 Wednesday August 13th, 2025. More information can be found at ***www.dlrcoco.ie***

PIPES DISCHARGING ONTO QUINN'S ROAD NEAR ENTRANCE TO BEACH AND REAR ENTRANCE OF SHANGANAGH PARK AND ONTO BEACH NEAR QUINN'S ROAD ENTRANCE

I received numerous representations from residents of Shankill regarding pipes discharging onto Quinn's Road and on the Beach at Quinn's Road entrance. I contacted the Council about both discharges and received the following replies:

Discharge at Quinn's Road:
"Thank you for correspondence. The pipe in question is a surface water outfall pipe, which was constructed several decades ago. Due to the location and age of the pipe, its condition has significantly deteriorated over time, resulting in it becoming blocked with sand, silt and debris. As a result, there have been reports of out of manhole flooding from the public surface water drainage network on Quinns Road which directly connects into this pipe.

In order to prevent future out of manhole flooding further upstream, the pipe has been cut to facilitate a free discharge. We are awaiting the delivery of a Tideflex (or duckbill) valve which will be placed on the end of the pipe to prevent future sand, silt debris etc. from blocking the outfall, therefore reducing the risk of future out of manhole flooding/ponding of surface water on Quinns Road and the surrounding area."

Discharge on Beach at Quinn's Road:
"The surface water that was accumulating on Quinns Road near the entrance to Shankill Beach and the rear entrance of Shanganagh Park was a direct result of the blocked surface water outfall pipe on the beach as detailed in the above e-mail. The surface water outfall located on the beach had become blocked with sand, silt and debris resulting in out of manhole flooding on Quinns Road. This water was then running down the steps to the beach and pooling near the Shanganagh Park entrance.

The work that has been recently carried out on the surface water outfall pipe in the above e-mail, which will prevent this occurring in the future."

TOILETS – SHANGANAGH CEMETERY AND PARK

I received numerous representations from constituents regarding the condition of the toilets at Shanganagh Cemetery and Park. I contacted the Council and received the following reply from the Parks Department:

"Recent repair work has been carried out on the toilets to address key maintenance issues. Plans for a full refurbishment are currently being developed and will be progressed as soon as possible."

BINS – SHANGANAGH CEMETERY

I received numerous representations from constituents regarding the provision of bins at Shanganagh Cemetery. I contacted the Council and received the following reply from the Parks Department, who are responsible for Shanganagh Cemetery:

"Shanganagh Cemetery is adequately equipped with waste bins. However, a growing number of individuals are using them to dispose of domestic waste. This practice attracts seagulls, magpies and crows which then tear open the rubbish bags, creating ongoing litter issues. Cemetery staff work to clean affected areas, but the problem persists. When identifiable evidence is found, we collaborate with litter wardens, who issue warnings or fines as necessary."

The Parks Department has since installed an extra bin.

STOP SIGN ON ATHGOE DRIVE AT ATHGOE DRIVE/ CLONASLEIGH JUNCTION

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install a "STOP" sign on Athgoe Drive at the Athgoe Drive/ Clonasleigh junction?

Reply: The Traffic and Road Safety Section has no present plans to install a "STOP" sign on Athgoe Drive at the junction with Clonasleigh Junction. The question will however be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG).

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Cllr. Jim Gildea

CATHAOIRLEACH 2025/26

I am delighted to report that I was elected Cathaoirleach (Mayor) of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council for the coming year. I am so grateful to the many people in Shankill who voted for me in June 2024 which made it possible for me to contest for the position. It is a nice personal honour for me to be selected by my fellow Councillors and as a longtime resident of Shankill I am pleased to represent the Killiney-Shankill district as your Cathaoirleach. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

BUSCONNECTS JUDICIAL REVIEW UPDATE

You will be pleased to hear that Judge Farrell granted us leave on 3rd June to take the proceedings and in particular she noted that the application had been issued in time. You may recall some people were concerned about the different timelines for this type of application as opposed to normal planning JRs. Our solicitor was confident that we had lodged our request on time. The judge also noted that Shankill Community Action had locus standi so we have got over that possible hurdle. At the end of June our case was back for mention in the court. I am glad to report that solicitors acting for the NTA have "confirm that the NTA accepts that section 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) applies for the purposes of these proceedings." The effect of this is that all parties have agreed that we are not at risk of cost orders against us if our case is unsuccessful. Note we are still liable for some or all of our own costs if we are unsuccessful. Our solicitor and barrister are satisfied we have a very strong case. It will be up to the judge to decide. The case will be back in court again at the end of October.

SHANGANAGH ROAD HEDGE CUTTING

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if the obstructions caused by overhanging shrubbery on Shanganagh Road, Shankill will be removed? It is noted that these obstructions pose a hazard to all pedestrians but in particular to persons with mobility issues and sight loss.

Reply: The area in question will be reviewed by Road Maintenance team, and if there is an imminent risk to the health and safety of road users we will organise for works to be carried out or will engage with private landowners if the trees/shrubs in question are privately owned.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING POINT IN SHANKILL VILLAGE

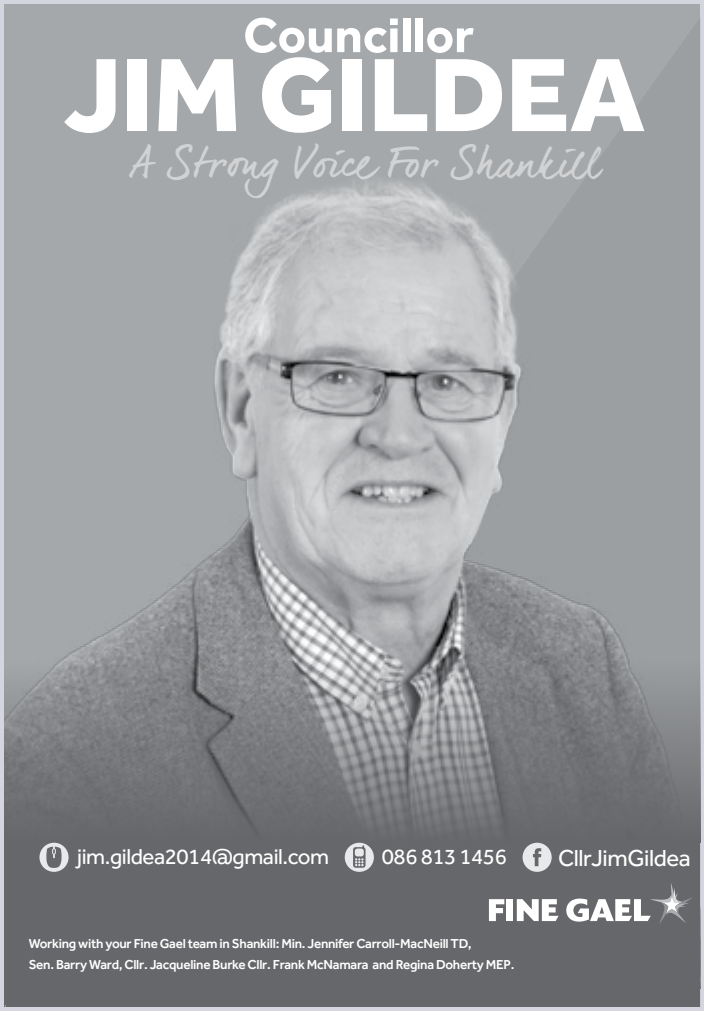
Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install a pedestrian crossing point on the main road through the village of Shankill at a point between Quinn's Road Junction and Stonebridge Close?

Reply: The Traffic & Road Safety Section has developed plans to install a pedestrian crossing on Dublin Road, north of the junction with Quinn's Road and Cherrington Road. Installation of this pedestrian crossing is dependent upon availability of funding and resources.

BALLYBRIDE ROAD FOOTPATH

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of a footpath on Ballybride Road from its junction with Crinken Lane to its junction with Lordello Road?

Reply: The section of Ballybride Road noted in the Motion is a rural road located in Shankill. The carriageway width varies between 5.50m and 6.25m along its length of 600m. There are residential properties along the length of the road with substantial hedging located within the verges along the length of the road. While it would be advantageous to have a footpath along the road, there are challenges presented by the local topography and the existing entrances located along the road. Similar challenges are present along Lordello Road and various other roads in the vicinity. The footpaths that are in place are provided at locations where there is sufficient footfall and favourable topography in place. The Traffic & Road Safety Section will endeavour to provide an indicative cost of installing a footpath on Ballybride Road. It will be accompanied by a feasibility study to address the requirement for the footpath when compared with similar locations in the County.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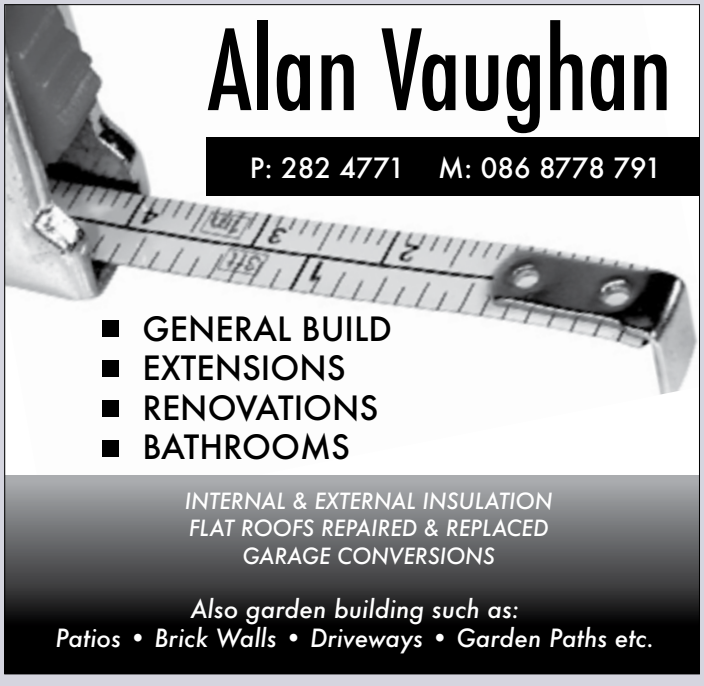

Desire for Climate Action is the clear majority view

Do you feel that Climate Change is a serious problem and that something needs to be done but that you are in a minority and largely powerless? Wrong! You are in a substantial majority of 89% worldwide. A detailed international survey has been completed by a broad group of news organisations around the world. The results were published recently in The Guardian newspaper (The 89% Project, 22 April 2025). Figures suggesting this majority have been around for a number of years but have been largely ignored. Why? This is a question we should ask more persistently. A decades-long campaign of misinformation by the fossil fuel industry is a key reason the climate majority has been suppressed, according the Guardian article. We are in the majority and we must convince our politicians that serious action to tackle climate change is a vote winner. Tackling climate change does not mean ignoring other important issues such as housing, health and so on. In fact, quite the opposite, because not stepping up swiftly on essential climate action will result in huge fines from the EU currently estimated as being between €8-€26 billion. If the Government implements the additional measures in its own Climate Action Plan by 2030 it could reduce the amount due to between €3-12 billion, better but still enormous (Irish Times, Special Report: 24 April 2025). How many social houses could that amount of money build? What an appalling waste not to act.

Biodiversity and the protection of green space for future Shankill

Most of us I guess are largely unaware of the work that Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council [DLRCoCo] does to maintain and look after the diminishing amount of green space that we still have. One interesting map, that is available on their website, shows wild-life corridors. These are green spaces which are connected and allow wildlife to move around in safety and from one habitat to another. This is of great importance in the maintenance and support of biodiversity. It also means that planning can take into account the maintenance of what might seem rather unimportant “scruffy and untidy” corners of the County.

If Shankill had a Village Council which spoke for us all we might be in a much stronger position to really encourage DLRCoCo to acquire much of the lands between the N11 and the motorways to create, not only what will become ever more necessary green recreation space but also a magnificent wildlife corridor connecting the coast to the mountains. The real importance of this may not be so apparent yet but with the certainty of significant sea-level rises within a single generation we may well see a forced relocation of residents from some low lying parts of the city.

In May, the Guardian newspaper reported on another international study which makes clear that sea level rise will be much more severe than was expected until very recently (Guardian: Sea Level rise will cause ‘catastrophic’ inland migration, scientists say, 20 May 2025). Much of Cork and parts of Dublin and Galway will need to relocate to higher ground within a generation or two. We would be well advised to ensure that we have set aside, in perpetuity, the green spaces which will be needed by future generations and to plan the necessary building developments around them. There is reason to believe that DLRCoCo has substantial funds on deposit which could be used for this purpose. From the point of view of the current farming users it should be possible to arrange long-term continued use for agricultural purposes until such time as recreational and sporting use becomes necessary.

Water Restrictions

As of early May, we heard that there were significant water restrictions being brought in for areas affected by the dry spell. This was being reported as a surprise when we know from the long-term climate forecasts that such variations are to be expected, The surprise perhaps is that given what felt like non-stop rain from July to March the reservoirs are already running low. Over forty years ago I was at a lecture which stated that from Drogheda to Wexford no industrial development would be allowed because the water resources available were only sufficient for domestic use given the expected population growth. Where is our long-term infrastructure planning? The latest report on water distribution, treatment and planning makes clear that there is none.

SOFA Shankill Day Care Centre

Registered Charity Number (RCN): 20012410

Shankill Day Care Centre Named County Finalists for National Lottery Good Causes Awards

Shankill Day Care Centre (SOFA) is proud and honoured to be announced as county finalists in the National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2025, in the prestigious Community Category. This recognition marks a significant milestone for our Centre and is a heartfelt tribute to the work we do in supporting older people across Shankill and surrounding areas.

At the heart of our mission is the belief that every older person deserves dignity, care, and connection, and that's what we strive to deliver every single day. From daily social activities and wellness support to vital practical services, Shankill Day Care Centre is a cornerstone for many elderly residents who rely on us for companionship, nourishment, and kindness.

One of our most impactful services is our Meals on Wheels programme, which delivers over 50 hot, nutritious meals every day to elderly individuals in and around Shankill. This service goes far beyond just food, it's about providing comfort, maintaining independence, and ensuring that no one in our community is left behind or forgotten.

Being chosen as county finalists is a deeply meaningful recognition of our team's unwavering commitment to caring for our elderly neighbours. It celebrates not only the services we provide, but also the passion and compassion that drive our dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters.

We are immensely grateful to the National Lottery for this honour and for supporting organisations like ours that make a real difference in local communities. We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the HSE, whose continued support makes our work possible.

This nomination inspires us to continue our mission with even greater purpose. It strengthens our resolve to advocate for our older community members, to listen, to serve, and to care. At Shankill Day Care Centre, we are more than a service provider, we are a family, united by love and respect for the generations that came before us.

Together, with your support, we will continue to build a caring, connected, and compassionate Shankill for everyone.

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PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D25A/0451/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 05/06/2025
Fergal McCann & Karen Murphy, 62, Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, D18XW30
The development will consist of: 1) Demolition of flat roofed single storey garage conversion & kitchen to front, side and rear elevations of existing dwelling, 2) Demolition of flat roofed covered side passage storage area & flat roof out-buildings to rear garden, 3) Modifications to existing elevational treatments to front, side and rear elevations of existing dwelling, 4) Construction of flat roof single storey entrance porch to front elevation of existing dwelling, 5) Construction of two storey dormer roof extension to side elevation of existing dwelling, 6) Construction of part single storey / part two storey flat roofed extension to side and rear elevations, 7) Internal alterations to ground and first floors, 8) Incorporation of deep retrofit energy efficiency measures, 9) Widening of existing vehicular entrance and construction of new entrance piers along with all ancillary and associated site works.

D25A/0461/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 11/06/2025
Ignacio Cabeza & Martina Markowicz Ripoll, 17, Corbawn Avenue, Shankill, D18H5T3
A new single storey rear extension, with flat roof and balcony. Partially convert garage and raise the walls and roof of garage. Convert attic to habitable area comprising of 3 bedrooms, bathroom, storage area and study room, with dormer roof, new roof windows to existing roof. New windows to front, side and rear elevations, extend the vehicular entrance to 3.5 metres wide and all associated site works.

D25A/0471/WEB Seeking Permission for Retention Date: 13/06/2025
The KTR Enterprises Ltd Pension Fund, Unit 1, Watermint, Old Bray Road, D18EV46
Retention planning permission for operation of the unit, for the additional periods of time (permitted daily closing time is currently 12:00am), an additional 30 mins on Sundays - Thursdays inclusive, closing at 12:30am, and an additional 1 hour and 45 minutes on Fridays and Saturdays.

D25B/0334/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 11/06/2025
Elizabeth Callaghan, Highgrove, 5 Rathmichael Haven, Shankill, D18W827
The development will consist of: the demolition of 2 no. single-storey extensions to the south-east and south-west elevations, the reconfiguration of the internal layout and a new entrance door to the north-east elevation. The total area of demolition approx 47 sqm. The construction of a 34.5sqm single-storey south east side extension and 32sqm single-storey rear extension to the south west elevation. Work includes landscaping and all supporting works above and below ground.

D25A/0533/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 04/07/2025
Auro Naes Ltd T/A Roesavin Construction Ltd, Shanganagh Cottage, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18E0W9
Planning permission sought for the demolition of an existing house and garage and for the erection of three detached buildings containing a total of ten houses. Eight of these dwellings would be contained within two three-storey buildings, each accommodating four terraced dwellings providing between two and three bedrooms, as well as kitchen / bathroom / dining / living and storage space and with a third building containing a pair of semi-detached two storey houses providing two bedrooms and kitchen / bathroom / dining / living accommodation. The development includes the closure of an existing vehicular entrance to the site and the creation of separate access and egress points (which would be linked by an internal one-way driveway), the provision of communal open areas for outdoor recreational purposes, along with individual gardens (containing external structures for storage / cycles), as well as eight car parking bays and one disabled driver parking space, as well as communal cycle parking facilities (for a total of ten bicycles) and one cargo bicycle space. The application includes connections to the public mains water supply and sewerage systems, along with all site works including landscaping, a rainwater harvesting system and the creation of a pedestrian gateway between the site and an area of public open space behind this land.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D25A/0233/WEB Grant Permission Date: 14/05/2025
Charton Homes Limited, Sites 7, 8 & 9 Carpendale, Ferndale Road, Shankhill, Dublin 18 The development will consist of: (A) Change of House Type 2A on Site 7 to part two storey/part single storey dwelling with attached domestic garage, (B) Alterations to the previously approved plans & elevations of House Type 4A on Site 8 and amended siting, (C) Alterations to the previously approved plans & elevations of House Type 3 on Site 9 and amended siting, (D) All ancillary site works. The subject buildings were previously granted permission under planning application D15A/0403 (extended under extension of duration D15A/0403/E).

D25A/0278/WEB Grant Permission Date: 26/05/2025
Sean and Claire Cosgrove,18, Corbawn Avenue, Shankill, D18RW99
Alternations to an existing house including amended elevations, proposed dormers, new rooflights, demolition and reconstruction of a side garage, a two-storey extension to the rear, soak pit and all associated siteworks

D25A/0282/WEB Grant Permission Date: 26/05/2025
Simon and Karen Moloney, 48, Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, D18Y6W4
Conversion of existing garage to family room comprising of removal of existing entrance recess to bring new window in line with existing dwelling and relocation of existing front door. Widening of existing vehicular access and all associated site works.

D25B/0175/WEB Grant Permission Date: 26/05/2025
Andrew and Lynda Place, Vattnas, Corbawn lane, Shankill, D18 V8P3
The development will consist of permission for alterations to previously granted planning permission (planning reference D20B/0326): (1). South (front) elevation, Proposed alterations to window and roof light (2). West (side) Elevation, Proposed alterations to window & Proposed new door. (3). North (rear) Elevation, proposed alterations to window, proposal to omit covered terrace area with outdoor barbecue including amendments to doors. (4). East (rear) Elevation, proposed new window (5). including amendments to all elevation, Internal alterations and all associated site works.

D25B/0181/WEB Request Additional Information Date: 30/05/2025
Gordon & Georgina McWilliams, 28, St. Anne's Park, Shankill, D18AE20
The development to end of terrace two storey house consists of the following : (a) Ground floor extension to front (b) ground and first floor extensions to side and rear (c) attic window to rear (d) sunroom extension to side of house (e) demolition of side garden wall and all associated site works.

D25A/0296/WEB Grant Permission Date: 03/06/2025
Charton Homes Limited, Site 3, Carpendale, Ferndale Road, Shankhill, Dublin 18
(a) Change of House Type 2 on Site 3 to two storey dwelling and amended siting, (b) Change of detached domestic garage design and amended siting, (c) all ancillary site works. The subject buildings were previously granted permission under planning application D15A/0403 (extended under extension of duration D15A/0403/E).

D25A/0330/WEB Grant Permission Date: 03/06/2025
Charton Homes Limited, Site 10, Carpendale, Ferndale Road, Shankhill, Dublin 18
The development will consist of: (a) Change of House Type 7 on Site 10 to part two storey/part single storey dwelling and amended siting, (b) amended siting of previously approved domestic garage, (c) all ancillary site works. The subject building was previously granted permission under planning application D15A/0403 (extended under extension of duration D15A/0403/E).

D25A/0313/WEB Refuse Permission Date: 09/06/2025
Christopher Allison and Rebecca McDermott, Auckland House, Mine Hill Lane, Ballycorus, D18H592
The construction of a two-storey detached house and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

D25B/0242 Grant Permission Date: 25/06/2025
Jill & Gareth Wakefield, 40, Quinns Road, Shankill, D18WY63
Planning permission for development will consist of the demolition of existing single-storey garage roof. Construction of new two-storey front/side flat roof extension, conversion of existing garage at ground floor level, incorporating new office and boiler room. First floor comprising of new master bedroom and en-suite. Alteration to existing front door entrance, new window into new utility room at the side of existing dwelling, minor internal alterations to ground and first floor levels. Construction of new rear single storey flat roof extension, new single storey cantilever roof and new decking area, existing rear single story shed to be demolished. Energy retrofit to existing dwelling, including external insulation wrap to existing external walls, replacement of windows, doors & installation of solar panels to existing two-storey semi-detached dwelling and associated site works.

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D24A/0872/WEB Refuse Permission Appeal Decided: 26/05/2025
Council Decision: Refuse permission
Eileen O'Sullivan, The Paddock, Quarry Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Dwelling house with improvements to existing site entrance, set back of roadside hedge, driveway and landscaping, on site wastewater treatment system in compliance with EPA standards and ancillary works.

D24A/0904/WEB Refuse Permission Appeal Decided: 30/05/2025
Council Decision: Refuse permission
Lesley Sawyer & Dariusz Adamczyk, Suimneas, 7 Quarry Road, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18F1H9
(a) detached single storey dwelling (142 sq.m app) on a site comprising 0.197ha app. (b) reconfigured main site entrance (including cut back of roadside boundaries) with new gate and piers to provide dual vehicular access to existing dwelling and proposed new dwelling (c) new driveway to proposed dwelling with car parking space for two cars (d) new wastewater treatment system with pumped soil polishing filter (e) landscaping, boundary walls and fences and all associated siteworks connected with the development.

D24A/1035/WEB Refuse Permission Appeal Decided: 25/06/2025
Council Refuse permission
Keith Cleary, 103A, Cherrywood Road, Shankill, Dublin, D18H327
The development will consist of repositioning the existing vehicular entrance from the front side of the site to the centre and widening the vehicular entrance to 4.25 m along with all associated site works.

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